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## Government backs multimillion dollar paper recycling mill

A3P welcomes the announcement by Federal Industry Minister, Ian Macfarlane that Amcor's proposed Botany Bay paper recycling mill upgrade will receive 'major project facilitation' (MPF) status.

A3P, the peak national body for Australia's plantation products and paper industry, said MPF status will see Invest Australia work with Amcor to streamline government approval processes and identify relevant government assistant programs.

A3P CEO Mr Neil Fisher said, "Amcor's project meets the eligibility criteria for MPF status because it is a major investment in infrastructure underpinned by significant environmental benefits.

"Amcor, along with all A3P member companies, is committed to key environmental targets such as water and greenhouse gas reduction through A3P's Sustainability Action Plan, *performance people and prosperity*.

"The proposed multimillion dollar upgrade will reduce water consumption by 30 per cent and increase waste paper consumption by 35 per cent. Electricity use, greenhouse gases and waste will also be cut.

"Significant employment opportunities will also be provided for skilled workers directly at the mill. Up to 400 jobs will be created during the construction phase and ensure ongoing employment for 140 staff.

"A3P looks forward to working with the Government to further develop and expand Australia's plantation products and paper industry – an industry that provides greenhouse positive building materials; communication, hygiene and packaging materials; and a range of environment services from Australia's sustainable plantation resource", said Mr Fisher.

Amcor Australia is a member of A3P.

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